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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED VIA EMAIL

Mr. Kenneth Eng Air Compliance Branch United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 290 Broadway

New York, NY 10007-1866 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED VIA EMAIL

Re: Norlite Corporation-MACT Excessive Exceedance Report

Kiln 1: 10/24/12- 11/08/12 Kiln 2: 10/24/12- 11/08/12

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with 40 CFR 63.1206(c)(3)(vi), the Norlite Corporation (Norlite) is submitting an "Excessive Exceedance Report" for the timeframe of 10/24/12 thru 11/08/12. The attached document explains each of the "malfunctions" for Kiln One and Two.

The results of the investigation concluded a majority of the exceedances were a result of the 1 second time delay cutoff limit of -0.00 inches of water column associated with the negative backend chamber pressure. A portion of the cutoffs were associated with wind gusts experienced during and after the storm Sandy came through the area. The wind gusts affected the reference pressure and decreased the differential pressure in the chamber system. A portion of the rear chamber cutoffs were also associated with pressure pulses in the kiln system from sudden fuel flow changes from using valves to control flow rate. Norlite personnel have closed the fresh air in-take valve to improve efficiency of the draft system for the rear chamber system. Kiln 2 is also down for power delivery issues so a maintenance cycle will be conducted from 11/12/12 to the afternoon of 11/14/12. During that time the rear seal system of the kiln will be evaluated to ensure the system is functioning properly. Norlite and its consultant will continue to evaluate each cutoff in an effort to reduce the number of cutoffs which occur.

All of the malfunctions that occurred were consistent with our Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction Plan (SSMP). As approved by the NYSDEC on February 6, 2006, these reports are being sent electronically.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (518) 235-0401 or email at: tvanvranken@norlitecorp.com.

Sincerely,

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NORLITE CORPORATION MACT EXCEEDANCE REPORT - KILN 1

10/24/12 - 11/08/12

| Start Date | Start Time | End Date | End Time | Downtime | # | Event | Cause | Parameter | Limit | Corrective Action |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----|-------------|--|---|-------|--|
| 10/25/2012 | 4:18:56 | 10/25/2012 | 6:24:56 | 2:06:00 | 157 | Malfunction | Instantaneous Upper Instrument Setpoint Reached for Stack Gas Span/Rinsed Mist Pad | Stack Gas Flow Rate | Span | Adjusted Fuel Flow |
| 10/28/2012 | 6:58:47 | 10/28/2012 | 10:26:19 | 3:27:32 | 158 | Malfunction | Instantaneous Upper Instrument Setpoint Reached for Stack Gas Span/Rinsed Mist Pad | Stack Gas Flow Rate | Span | Adjusted Fuel Flow |
| 11/1/2012 | 17:00:27 | 11/1/2012 | 17:10:06 | 0:09:39 | 159 | Malfunction | The Lime Feeder Stopped Which Caused the Lime Feed Rate HRA to Drop | Lime Feed Rate | Opl | Switched Feeder |
| 11/3/2012 | 18:08:16 | 11/3/2012 | 18:09:41 | 0:01:25 | 160 | Malfunction | Strong Wind Gusts Out of the Northwest Caused Changes to the Reference Pressures Which Caused the Differential Pressure at the Front Kiln Hood and Rear Chamber System to Decrease and Cause A Simultaneous Front and Back Chamber Pressure Cutoff to Occur | Back Chamber Pressure, Simultaneous | Opl | Adjusted Cooler and ID Fans to Re-Establish Proper Draft |
| 11/3/2012 | 18:24:21 | 11/3/2012 | 18:24:57 | 0:00:36 | 161 | Malfunction | Strong Wind Gusts Out of the Northwest Caused Changes to the Reference Rear Chamber Pressure Which Caused the Differential Pressure at the Rear Chamber System to Decrease and Cause A Rear Chamber System Cutoff to Occur | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Adjusted Cooler and ID Fans to Re-Establish Proper Draft |
| 11/3/2012 | 18:25:01 | 11/3/2012 | 18:25:30 | 0:00:29 | 162 | Malfunction | Strong Wind Gusts Out of the Northwest Caused Changes to the Reference Rear Chamber Pressure Which Caused the Differential Pressure at the Rear Chamber System to Decrease and Cause A Rear Chamber System Cutoff to Occur | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Adjusted Cooler and ID Fans to Re-Establish Proper Draft |



NORLITE CORPORATION MACT EXCEEDNACE REPORT - KILN 2 10/24/12 - 11/08/12

| Start Date | Start Time | End Date | End Time | Downtime | # | Event | Cause | Parameter | Limit | Corrective Action |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-----|-------------|--|--|-------|---|
| 10/27/2012 | 6:42:12 | 10/27/2012 | 6:43:21 | 0:01:09 | 369 | Malfunction | The Kiln Operator was Controlling LGF Fuel Flow With Valves and High LGF Line Pressure Which Caused a Fuel Flow Surge. This Triggered a Pressure Pulse in the Kiln that Affected the Rear Chamber System / No Visible Emissions | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Norlite Personnel Closed the Fresh Air In-Take Valve to Help Improve the Draft System Efficiency |
| 10/27/2012 | 7:53:00 | 10/27/2012 | 7:53:22 | 0:00:22 | 370 | Malfunction | The Kiln Operator was Controlling LGF Fuel Flow With Valves and High LGF Line Pressure Which Caused a Fuel Flow Surge. This Triggered a Pressure Pulse in the Kiln that Affected the Rear Chamber System / No Visible Emissions | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Norlite Personnel Closed the Fresh Air In-Take Valve to Help Improve the Draft System Efficiency |
| 10/27/2012 | 12:55:54 | 10/27/2012 | 12:56:20 | 0:00:26 | 371 | Malfunction | The Kiln Operator was Controlling LGF Fuel Flow With Valves and High LGF Line Pressure Which Caused a Fuel Flow Surge. This Triggered a Pressure Pulse in the Kiln that Affected the Rear Chamber System / No Visible Emissions | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Norlite Personnel Closed the Fresh Air In-Take Valve to Help Improve the Draft System Efficiency |
| 10/27/2012 | 13:05:26 | 10/27/2012 | 13:06:02 | 0:00:36 | 372 | Malfunction | The Kiln Operator was Controlling LGF Fuel Flow With Valves and High LGF Line Pressure Which Caused a Fuel Flow Surge. This Triggered a Pressure Pulse in the Kiln that Affected the Rear Chamber System / No Visible Emissions | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Norlite Personnel Closed the Fresh Air In-Take Valve to Help Improve the Draft System Efficiency |
| 10/27/2012 | 14:57:52 | 10/27/2012 | 14:58:20 | 0:00:28 | 373 | Malfunction | The Kiln Operator was Controlling LGF Fuel Flow With Valves and High LGF Line Pressure Which Caused a Fuel Flow Surge. This Triggered a Pressure Pulse in the Kiln that Affected the Rear Chamber System / No Visible Emissions | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Norlite Personnel Closed the Fresh Air In-Take Valve to Help Improve the Draft System Efficiency |
| 10/29/2012 | 13:32:50 | 10/29/2012 | 13:33:10 | 0:00:20 | 374 | Malfunction | Instantaneous Upper Instrument Setpoint Reached for Scrubber Recirc. Span | Scrubber Recirc. Rate | Span | Adjusted Scrubber Recirc. Rate |
| 10/30/2012 | 5:45:58 | 10/30/2012 | 6:54:25 | 1:08:27 | 375 | Malfunction | Strong Wind Gusts Out of the Northwest Caused Changes to the Reference Rear Chamber Pressure Which Caused the Differential Pressure at the Rear Chamber System to Decrease and Cause A Rear Chamber System Cutoff to Occur/CO's High Instantaneous Upper Instrument Setpoint Reached | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Adjusted Cooler and ID Fans to Re-Establish Proper Draft |
| 10/31/2012 | 5:02:46 | 10/31/2012 | 5:04:50 | 0:02:04 | 376 | Malfunction | for Stack Gas Span | Stack Gas Flow Rate | Span | Adjusted Fuel Flow |

| 11/1/2012 | 13:43:42 | 11/1/2012 | 13:46:29 | 0:02:47 | 377 | Malfunction | The Kiln Operator was Controlling LGF Fuel Flow With Valves and High LGF Line Pressure Which Caused a Fuel Flow Surge. This Triggered a Pressure Pulse in the Kiln that Affected the Rear Chamber System / No Visible Emissions | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Norlite Personnel Closed the Fresh Air In-Take Valve to Help Improve the Draft System Efficiency |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|-----|-------------|--|--|------|---|
| 11/3/2012 | 22:09:19 | 11/3/2012 | 23:15:22 | 1:06:03 | 378 | Malfunction | Strong Wind Gusts Out of the Northwest Caused Changes to the Reference Rear Chamber Pressure Which Caused the Differential Pressure at the Rear Chamber System to Decrease and Cause A Rear Chamber System Cutoff to Occur | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Adjusted Cooler and ID Fans to Re-Establish Proper Draft |
| 11/3/2012 | 23:31:58 | 11/3/2012 | 23:33:37 | 0:01:39 | 379 | Malfunction | Strong Wind Gusts Out of the Northwest Caused Changes to the Reference Rear Chamber Pressure Which Caused the Differential Pressure at the Rear Chamber System to Decrease and Cause A Rear Chamber System Cutoff to Occur | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Adjusted Cooler and ID Fans to Re-Establish Proper Draft |
| 11/3/2012 | 23:37:42 | 11/3/2012 | 23:38:22 | 0:00:40 | 380 | Malfunction | Strong Wind Gusts Out of the Northwest Caused Changes to the Reference Rear Chamber Pressure Which Caused the Differential Pressure at the Rear Chamber System to Decrease and Cause A Rear Chamber System Cutoff to Occur | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Adjusted Cooler and ID Fans to Re-Establish Proper Draft |
| 11/5/2012 | 7:21:55 | 11/5/2012 | 7:22:23 | 0:00:28 | 381 | Malfunction | The Kiln Operator was Controlling LGF Fuel Flow With Valves and High LGF Line Pressure Which Caused a Fuel Flow Surge. This Triggered a Pressure Pulse in the Kiln that Affected the Rear Chamber System / No Visible Emissions | Back Chamber Pressure, 1 Second Delay | Opl | Norlite Personnel Closed the Fresh Air In-Take Valve to Help Improve the Draft System Efficiency |
| 11/7/2012 | 16:09:32 | 11/7/2012 | 20:34:27 | 4:24:55 | 382 | Malfunction | Instantaneous Upper Instrument Setpoint Reached for Stack Gas Span / Rinsed Mist Pad and Scrubber | Stack Gas Flow Rate | Span | Rinsed Mist Pad and Adjusted Fuel Flow |
| 11/7/2012 | 20:45:20 | 11/7/2012 | 22:34:32 | 1:49:12 | 383 | Malfunction | Instantaneous Upper Instrument Setpoint Reached for Stack Gas Span / Changed Venturi Hose | Stack Gas Flow Rate | Span | Adjusted Fuel Flow |